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Roland Leavell Dies At 71

CHATTANOOGA — Dr. Roland and Quinche Leavell died at 4:30 Tuesday morning in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was 71.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 P.M. Thursday in the chapel which was named in his honor at New Orleans Seminary. Dr. Leavell served as president of the seminary for 12 years, 1946-58 and on his retirement was named president-emeritus.

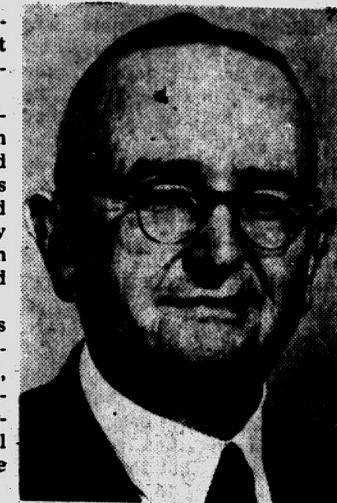
Officiating at the services will be Dr. Dick Hall, Decatur, Ga., Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., Dr. H. Leo Edelman, president of New Orleans Seminary. Interment will be at Oxford, Miss., the home of the Leavell family.

Shortly after Dr. Leavell became president of New Orleans Seminary in 1946, he negotiated with real estate dealers in the buying of 75 choice acres on Gentilly Boulevard for a new seminary campus. He was able to buy the property for Southern Baptists for a quarter of a million dollars, with Cooperative Program capital funds, special designations and bequests.

Wrote Several Books

Dr. Leavell wrote in "The Sheer Joy of Living" that loved ones would eventually take his weary old bones to the family burying ground at Oxford, "but my heart is already buried under that chapel in the heart of the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary."

Dr. Leavell was born in Oxford, the eighth son of George Washington and Corra Berry Leavell. He was educated at (Continued on page 2)



Dr. Roland Q. Leavell

Baptist Men's Day

Jan. 27

Baptist Men's Day—an entirely new name and a new date—will be observed by Mississippi and Southern Baptist churches Sunday, Jan. 27.

Baptist Men's Day will replace Layman's Day, previously held each year in November, according to Rev. Elmer Howell, Brotherhood Secretary.

Baptist Men's Day is a special time Southern Baptists have set aside each year to honor the men of the church and to remind themselves that all men—pastors and laymen—are called to specific ministries.

The purpose of Baptist Men's Day is to give recognition to men for the service they have rendered and to challenge them to give more of themselves to effective Christian living and usefulness.

Mr. Howell suggested several ways in which the men of the church could be used on Baptist Men's Day.

A men's breakfast, followed by visitation of absentees, those in need and those who are unsaved.

Participation by the men in the various services of the day, including special music, testimonies and messages.

Baptist Men's Day will be sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood. In churches without Brotherhoods the pastor may appoint a special committee of men to help him plan for the observance.

Study Course Book Added

NASHVILLE — Listed in Southern Baptists' Church Study Course for use with beginner children is a new book from Convention Press, "God's Care in Autumn and Winter."

Author of the book is Mrs. Polly Hargis Dillard of Louisville. The book is a guide for workers who want to provide good learning experiences for four and five-year-olds whose parents participate in a church study course. The book is available through Baptist book stores.

ILLUSTRATION IS MADE TO ORDER AT HOLLY SPRINGS

The Sunday morning congregation of the First Church at Holly Springs will long remember the pastor's sermon on the second coming of Christ.

On a recent Sunday, Dr. Earl Kelly, the pastor, had just completed quoting, "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matt. 24:29), when a large light globe hanging from the 25-foot ceiling came crashing to the floor and landed in front of the pulpit.

The preacher was not to be outdone. He pointed to the broken globe and said, "His coming will be just as sudden, as unexpected, and as devastating to the dreams that are not Christ-centered."

PROBABLY FIRST — Soul-Winning Clinic Held At State Office

The newest SBC seminary, Midwestern at Kansas City, Mo., received \$1,008,326, all but \$1632 through the Cooperative Program.

Agencies receiving over \$500,000, with the portion of it through the Cooperative Program indicated in parentheses, were:

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, largest of six SBC seminaries in enrollment, received \$1,318,220 with only \$3842 of that in designations.

Of the \$1,026,340 disbursed to Southern Seminary, Louisville, the oldest of the six, \$1,024,285 came through the Cooperative Program.

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Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., \$437,934 (437,474) and Annuity Board, Dallas, \$255,187 (250,000).

None of the other agencies exceeded \$1000 in income through designations. Only total amounts received, nearly all through the Cooperative Program are reported below.

SBC budget fund, \$200,514; Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, \$188,479; Cavalier School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, \$160,258; American Seminary, Nashville, jointly operated by Negro Baptists, \$113,492.

Southern Baptist Hospital, maintaining institutions in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., \$75,900; Education Commission, Nashville, \$62,078; Public Affairs Committee, which helps operate the Baptist Joint Committee on public affairs in Washington, \$60,001.

Historical Commission, Nashville, \$44,569; Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, \$40,560; and Christian Life Commission, Nashville, \$37,362.

The Baptist World Alliance, with offices in Washington, received \$70,000 through the SBC operating budget and \$375 in designated gifts. To the Woman's Missionary Union, not supported by the convention proper, was passed along \$244 in designated gifts.

Could Be Greatest Year

Continuing, he declared: "If such would happen in every Baptist building in Southern Baptist territory and if every field worker were 'on fire' to win souls then World Missions

year would truly be our greatest."

The personal soul-winning clinic served to stimulate and inspire each one of us. Each of us in the Baptist Building has resolved to do more witnessing.

Believed to be the first such clinic to be held in a state Baptist building in the Southern Baptist Convention, the clinic was held in three sessions on Wednesday and Thursday.

Directing the clinic was Rev. Jack Stanton, Associate in the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Dallas.

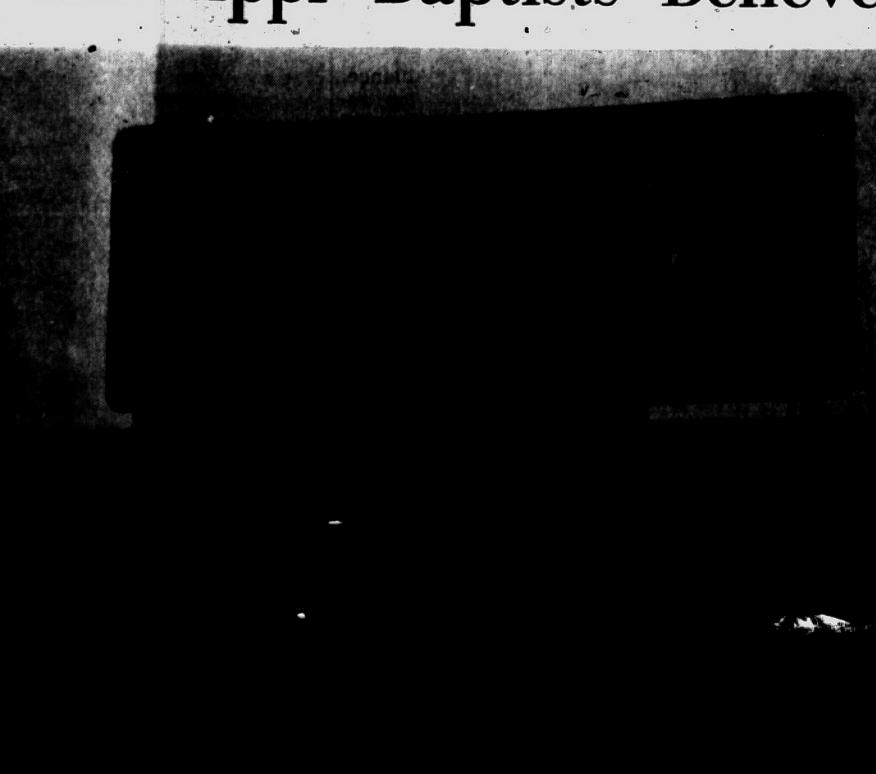
Attending the clinic were all the employees of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, both office and field workers.

"In keeping with the 1963 Baptist Jubilee Advance theme of World Missions, we hope the inspiration and enthusiasm we received to do 'God's main job,' will spread," declared Dr. Quarles.

Such clinics, along with the clinic at the Baptist Building, and the emphasis to be received at the State Evangelistic Conference, would be a tremendous force in getting World Missions Year off to a good start.

"This year's evangelism goal of 22,700 could then become a reality."

Mississippi Baptists Believe In Signs



By Anne Washburn McWilliams
Mississippi Baptists believe in signs. In this case, "believing in signs" means that it pays to advertise.

Signs in six strategic locations call public attention to "Mississippi Baptists" — 476,305 Members in 1920 Churches."

These towering billboards have gone up beside Interstate 55 near the Tennessee line, Highway 78 near the Alabama line, Highway 11-80 near the Alabama line, Highway 80 near the Louisiana line, Highway 80 near the Louisiana line, and Highway 90 near the Alabama line.

Can Hardly Miss Signs

Motorists entering Mississippi can hardly miss the signs message—"Sharing Christ With The World." The signs outlined a globe in the background picture of a world map and a church.

Why advertise thus? The church should advertise to keep abreast with the myriad publicity campaigns of modern times; to help deepen the church's influence in the community.

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THE HIGHWAY signs located on Highway 80, near Vicksburg can be seen by motorists traveling the state as well as those in the entire area.

God Selects A Woman To Lead Revival

By Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby
(Second article of a series)

In the fulness of time! Leslie T. Lyall relates the condition in China during the TWENTIES by asking this question: "How ready really was the Church to face the fiery trials which reached a climax in 1926 and were to continue with the outbreak of war with Japan in 1937 and the Communist victory in 1949? It must be confessed that the decade of popularity and secularism, while contributing to the growth of the Church quantitatively, had not produced in quality the stuff of which the 1900 martyrs were made. (Boxer Revolution) There was too much lip profession. Liberal theology had weakened doctrinal convictions. Consequently, lower moral standards and worldliness had invaded the Church. The greatest sins were not uncommon among church members. Even among the leadership of the church there were many who could not give a clear account of their relationship with Jesus Christ. They were spiritually blind men leading their equally blind followers. If the Church was not only to survive the fiery trials but remain triumphant in its witness for Christ, its greatest need was for a deep and convicting, regenerating, purifying and reviving work of the Holy Spirit. (Is this not true of America today?) This need finally gained general recognition in 1929, when the National Christian

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"Operation Lightning" Spreads

Gospel In Cali, Colombia

"Operation Lightning," a monthly, door-to-door type campaign of evangelistic visitation in Cali, Colombia, was begun in early fall by the students of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, located in the city. So far they have given out more than 5,000 tracts and gathered a list of names and addresses for Baptist pastors to use in making follow-up visits.

The students meet once a month, pair off, receive street assignments in the section of the city to be visited that day, and then go from door to door to seek to win people to Christ (if no one is home, they stick a tract under the door). There has been opposition from Roman Catholics, but the students have been able to defend their beliefs and remain in control of the situation. One priest has invited a group to his home to discuss the Bible and share ideas.

God Selects . . .

(Continued from Page 1) Council agreed to sponsor the "Five Year Forward Movement." (Compare to NEW LIFE MOVEMENT today) Its slogan was: "Lord, revive Thy Church, beginning with me!" It is encouraging to faith to see how God worked in revival at just the right moment in the history of a nation and a Church; and at the right time had His chosen instruments ready for use."

The chosen one to put foundation stones for the great Architect's reviving work was a frail Norwegian woman, called Marie Monsen, who died a few weeks ago with the age of 84 years.

Answer Hastened

Marie tells in her book, THE AWAKENING; how a minister hastened her answer to God's call by reminding her of Jonah. This prophet heard God's call to Ninevah but ran in another direction. "At first he was allowed to go his own way, but God did not go with him on his self-chosen path. Don't be a Jonah!"

For three days this message haunted her heart. Then Marie yielded all to the Savior. Every discouragement came to her and a fall that left her unconscious for days. She was sent to Nanyang where the boxer had been violent and the hatred for foreigners was still rampant. Satan kept telling her: "This is throwing your life away, you might stay here and preach to these mud walls with as much result. What might you not have accomplished as a teacher at home in Norway?"

But Marie was sure God had called. Her heart was hungry. The Chinese helper taught her valuable lessons especially on deliberate reliance on the promises of God. This woman lived in the next room from Marie and only paper walls between them. The missionary said over and over as she heard the Chinese friend ask for impossible things humanly speaking: "That will never happen." But just THAT did happen.

Marie was cured of her illness by obeying James 5:14. News came of the great Revival in Korea in 1907 that came because of the believing prayers of the missionaries. She longed to go and bring back the glowing coals to China. God spoke to her saying, "What you want through that journey you may receive here if you pray." For over twenty years this quiet, unassuming woman pleaded with God for an Awakening in China.

Attended Conference

Marie attended the 1910 World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh. The climax came when a missionary related the wonderful working of God in Korea. Every heart was thinking: "Oh, if this would come to our field!" At the close of his powerful testimony a well known missionary from China said: "We can never expect to see in China what you have experienced in Korea, we have to do with a very different people there." Marie's heart protested strongly and it was difficult for her not to cry out: "If it can't happen in China, we haven't the same God as the missionaries in Korea."

The proposed instrument He had chosen in various ways. Perhaps all that Marie endured was a part of the preparation. Yet there were crisis experiences which stood out. She relates the following that brought assurance of God's leading her into a special service connected with the Awakeners.

"These international students are concerned about the lost in the city of Cali, this country, their respective countries, and the entire world," says Mrs. Donald L. Orr, Southern Baptist missionary who teaches in the seminary, "and they are doing something about it." The campaign was planned spontaneously by the students, she says, and now they are so encouraged by the prospects and success that they are thinking of visiting more than once a month.

Whether it was a vision or a dream or a half-waking state is not clear. It was at night. I was standing on a road, looking out over a dreary desert with a few dry reeds sticking up here and there. As I stood there on the pathway, I saw a figure kneeling in prayer over on the edge of the desert. I knew that figure was mine. While I stood watching it, the kneeling form was wholly covered with blood. Then, above the blood-smeared form, an indescribably beautiful cup became visible. An unseen hand poured something into the cup and out of it flowed "the glory of God." No other words can express it, indeed it cannot be described at all. This glory flowed down over the kneeling figure and on over the desert. In the end there was nothing else to be seen but this living, shimmering glory, moving, flowing on. Then it disappeared under an infinite carpet of rich green shoots, and finally the desert was transformed into a glorious garden with a wealth of flowering plants. From that moment it was a matter for definite prayer if this thing was to be, the Lord Himself would equip me for the task.

This prayer led to an intensive study of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit. The passages referring to the Spirit were read over and over again. In the end I used to repeat them in my sleep and wake up doing so. A desert wanderer had reached the conclusion that there was an oasis and it had to be found. From the Bible I had discovered that there was an experience of the Spirit and that it must be possible to know when and where it had taken place.

Was Locked Inside

Near a Chinese New Year, Marie Monsen spent a day locked inside, giving herself to prayer for the resources of the Spirit. God showed her Gal. 3:13, 14. She understood that it would come by FAITH. When VICTORY came, she spent the rest of the night praising her SAVIOR.

There was a new confidence in prayer. She and another missionary believed and convened to pray on Mat. 18:19-20. Her whole reliance in prayer or speaking was based absolutely upon the Word. She depended on God to do what He promised. In the Bible classes great conviction of sin came because of her belief in John 18:8. New results followed. She saw for the first time the whole group convicted under her teaching. Never before had there been conversion of the heathen when he heard the gospel for the first time. Her words were energized and vitalized, causing the hearer to be "pricked in their hearts." Soul-winning became natural for the new Christians, impelled from within. There was great love for the lost.

Mrs. Abernathy told me how Marie Monsen wrestled with God when He made plain to her the METHOD she was to use. She was to preach hard

REV. JACK STANTON, Associate in Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Dallas, points to blackboard illustration he used in soul-winning clinic at Baptist Building, as leaders look on. From left: Mr. Stanton; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary; Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record.

on sin, then stand at the door and ask all who went out, "HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?" There was to be no exception, not even ministers or missionaries. During the struggle, Marie reminded the Lord how polite the Chinese were and how offensive she would become asking preachers if they were born again.

She finally yielded. God won the battle. He was with her though, and each person not regenerated became exceedingly miserable under the scrutinizing eyes of Him who knows the utmost recesses of our hearts.

90 Workers Gathered

In a Danish Missionary Magazine, a worker reports: "Of the over ninety workers who had gathered, there were very few who had not had a personal meeting with Jesus and received salvation from Him."

He continues: "There I saw what I have never seen before out here; souls being dealt with by the Spirit of God under deep conviction of sin. It was like the opening of flood-gates, when one after another began to confess their sins entirely regardless of who might be listening. I thank God for letting me see the Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of men and women."

The editor of this Danish Mission Magazine said, "Reports come in telling of the work of

thee longing hearts at the various stations. What is happening in China? Need we hesitate to use the Apostle Peter's words on the day of Pentecost: 'I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.' Several of our missionaries have entered into a new experience have have yielded themselves more wholly to Christ and found new liberty and power in His service."

Marie Monsen held "BORN AGAIN" campaigns in the Baptist churches of the Province of Shantung when the workers and Christians humbled themselves to the point of accepting the method God demanded of her. It laid the foundation for an Awakening. NO RE-VIVAL could have come to church members who were not ALIVE in the first place. The RE-VIVAL or AWAKENING followed her work of bringing the church members to LIFE in Christ. Many had been converted "to Christianity and not to Christ."

One of our Southern Baptist missionaries was asked the results of the Awakening in Honan where she worked. Her answer was: "Our churches in the province of Honan were revolutionized. Our Chinese pastor said just after the meetings: 'We have travelled through several provinces to summer conferences for the deepening

of the spiritual life, and have come home with our ulcers of sin a little scratched on the surface, but this time we have the treatment that went to the root of the trouble."

Added Statement

She added a statement that I have heard in more or less the same words from most of the missionaries who went through this Revival: "In 1950 the superintendent of our work in Honan and Anhwei said, when persecution and torture had become the order of the day: 'We could never have been able to face the attack that came and the persecution, if the Lord had not sent us the revival of the years after 1930. Now, we are able to stand in the evil day. The foundation that was laid then stands sure."

"We add: Practically every Holy Spirit Revival was God's mercy to prepare for a crisis, for great suffering. Shall we not throughout 1963 cry unto God:

O LORD, REVIVE THY WORK IN THE MIDST OF THE YEARS, . . . IN WRATH REMEMBER MERCY.—(THE AWAKENING, Marie Monsen, China Inland Mission)

Roland Leavell . . .

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and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Before coming to New Orleans as president of the seminary, Dr. Leavell was head of the Home Mission Board's Department of Evangelism, pastor of First Church, Gainesville, Ga., and First Church, Tampa, Fla.

He had served as overseas

Young Men's Christian Association secretary during World War I and was pastor of First Church, Oxford, and First Church, Picayune, Miss.

First VP of SBC

The 1961 Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis is named Dr. Leavell first vice-president. He presided at several of the sessions at the San Francisco Convention.

Dr. Leavell wrote several books during his ministry, many on evangelism. His life-long desire was to write a book on the Gospel of Matthew. In the last two years of his life he was able to fulfill this wish by producing "Studies in Matthew — The King And The Kingdom" which is being used this month by Southern Baptist churches in their annual January Bible study. Dr. Leavell was in Chattanooga to help a pastor friend, Dr. Luther Joe Thompson, in the Bible study.

Dr. Leavell, who made his home in Jackson, Miss., in recent years married Lillian Forbes Yarborough of Hattiesburg, Miss., June 25, 1923. They had three daughters: Mrs. Wesley (Mary D.) Bowman, Alexandria, La.; Mrs. W. M. (Lillian) Fountain, Jr., New Orleans; and Mrs. Carl (Dorothy) Hudson, Bunkie, La. Nine grandchildren and one brother, Clarence Stanley Leavell, Memphis, Tenn., also survive.

House of Bultman of New Orleans was to handle funeral arrangements. Pallbearers were drawn from the faculty and trustees of New Orleans Seminary. All faculty and trustees and members of the New Orleans Rotary Club have been designated honorary pall bearers.

A giant effort by Baptist men to share the gospel with the unsaved population of California, Oregon, and Washington in a special evangelistic campaign during 1962 has been disclosed by the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board.

REV. T. R. MCKIBBENS (left), pastor of First Church, Laurel, personally presents to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary, the largest check for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering ever to be given by the church, \$6,663.21. The offering, while church-wide in scope, was sponsored by the WMU, Mrs. Parsha Valentine, president.

A Layman's Witness

By H. Barry Mitchell
Missionary to North Brazil

The elderly deacon had a list of 21 names, several with cross marks by them. He explained that the ones with cross marks were of people who had accepted Christ during the past year and were now candidates for Baptism and church membership. They were ready to be examined by the church.

Others on the list were recent converts who were not yet ready to make public their professions of faith. And the last two were prisoners who had been converted through twice-a-month services at the local jail.

Such are the tangible results of one year's work.

A year ago in early December I attended the inauguration of the mission in Agua Preta, Brazil, where there was no Baptist witness. A house and small shop of a bakery that had gone out of business had been purchased with about \$1,000 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The bakery salesroom made a good auditorium, and the house was occupied by the retired deacon who came from the sponsoring church in nearby Palmares to serve as evangelist for the mission.

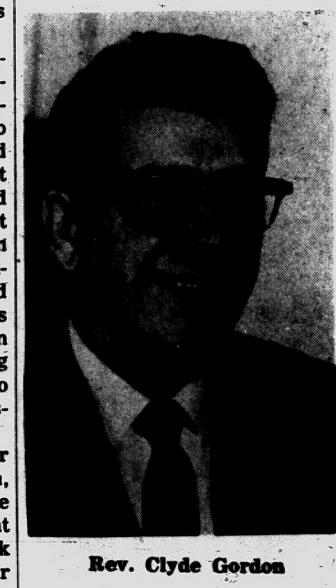
There were no decisions for Christ during the inauguration, and I wondered at the time if we were doing the right thing in trying to open work in Agua Preta. But now, a year later, hearing the testimonies of the new Christians won because of the old deacon's patient labor in spite of opposition from other religious groups has brought an unspeakable joy to my heart.

This humble deacon, Senhor Marcelino Costa Garcez, has won the respect of the people through his daily witness and his concern for helping those in need regardless of their religion. A practical nurse, he

has given many injections, and the mission has helped people obtain needed medicine. Each time a group from the mission has gone to the jail for a service, they have carried lunches for the prisoners.

The sad thing is that Deacon Garcez is having to give up the work because of his health. His doctor has recommended that he move to a coastal town for a period of complete rest.

Who will take his place? Who will carry on the good work begun by this layman? We wish we knew. Please pray with us that the Lord will send someone to help.



Rev. Clyde Gordon

Goes To Kentucky

Rev. Clyde Gordon, pastor of Raymond Church the past 5 years, has resigned to become pastor of First Church in Scottsville, Ky.

The Raymond Church has made considerable progress during his pastorate. A new educational building has been erected and the sanctuary has been redecorated.

The church parking area has been enlarged and hard-surfaced.

Mr. Gordon and family plan to move to Kentucky Jan. 19. He was formerly pastor of First Church in Poplarville.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Bethany Press . . .

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have a publisher and asked would I like to look at it.

"I sent copies of the book to our regular readers' committee of advisors and a publication committee of Biblical scholars. Our directors notified me to go ahead if I thought the book was of sufficient quality and my publication committee told me to go ahead for this reason:

"They thought the book warranted being published because of the way it had been handled in the past. In other words, they felt no man ought to lose his job just because he had a book on the Bible published that did not happen to appeal to all of the constituents.

Fits Bethany Line

"In our opinion," the advisors said, "The book represents a moderately conservative and critical position. It is well written for the point of view and style. While it is not a major scholarly work we believe it will fit into the Bethany line without discredit.

"Among the Disciples, Methodists or Presbyterians the book would not have met strong opposition."

The back of the paperback edition will comment:

"The original publication of Professor Elliott's 'The Message of Genesis' was accompanied by controversy and misunderstanding. In making the book available to the reading public, the publishers are concerned that the author's opinion may be judged on the basis of first-hand rather than second-hand report.

"This book has been called conservative by many of our reader-advisors, but all have pointed out it has liberal overtones and without exception each has recommended that in the name of religious and academic freedom it be kept in print."

Oil Paintings In '64 Issues

NASHVILLE — The Sunday School Board has approved the use of certain "historical art" oil paintings depicting great moments in Baptist history. The paintings are scheduled to appear on covers of some of the board's periodicals in 1964.

"The Historical Commission Newsletter," Nov. 1962, issue, gives the story in full about these paintings.



PICTURED are the members of Blue Mountain College's Freshman Baptist Student Union Council, who have recently served in places of official duty, and who will assist the regular 1962-63 B. S. U. Council during the session. They are, front row, left to right: Mary Lynn Brister, Memphis; Carol McCall, Memphis, President of the Council; Elizabeth Borders, Louisville, Ky.; and Kathy Jones, Kreole. Second row, left to right: Sondra Ellis, Fordyce, Ark.; Clara Sprayberry, Tremont; Temple Triplett, Newton; and Flo Snyder, McLean, Va. Third row, left to right: Lynda Laughlin, Memphis; Charlene Bell, Hindman, Ky.; and Vivian Todd, Nashville, Tenn.



Dr. Courts Redford

Dr. Eugene Hill

World Missions Conference Speakers

Dr. Courts Redford, (left above), Executive Secretary, Home Mission Board, and Dr. Eugene Hill, Secretary for Missionary Education and Promotion, will be the visiting speakers for the last four of the series of eight World Missions Conferences being held over the state.

Speaking at all eight conferences for State Missions will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles Executive Secretary, and Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Associate Executive Secretary.

World Missions Theme
World Missions will be the theme at each conference, according to Mr. Sansing. All

Baptist pastors and church officers and leaders as well as all associational officers and leaders are urged to attend the conference most convenient.

Each conference is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. and adjourn at 9 p.m.

The schedule for the last four conferences follows: Jan. 21—Crystal Springs, First; Jan. 22—Newton, First; Jan. 24—Gulfport, First; Jan. 25—McComb, First.

Retired Baptist Minister Accepts Mission Post

DALLAS, Texas (RNS)—As a farm boy, Dr. Forrest C. Freezer, a prominent retired Baptist minister, wanted to go to China as a missionary. In mid-January, his wish will come true.

On Jan. 15 the 70-year-old Dallas preacher, a former executive secretary of the Texas Baptist Convention, will leave for a year of missionary work in Taiwan, home of Nationalist China, at a Baptist church there.

When he was growing up in North Carolina, Dr. Freezer said, he asked God to send him to the China mission fields. Instead, he became a preacher in the South.

"I realize now why my prayer wasn't answered back then," he mused recently. "The Lord knew how hard it would have been for me to learn the Chinese language."

Allen Accepts Texas Church

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)—J. P. Allen, pastor of the First Church of Alexandria, Va., has been called as pastor of Broadway Church, Fort Worth. Allen succeeds H. Guy Moore, who resigned to become president of William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo.

Revival Set For Guatemala City

Southern Baptist missionaries in Guatemala are asking Baptists around the world to join them in prayer for the evangelistic campaign to be held January 20—February 2 by the six Baptist churches in Guatemala City. The missionary families are praying daily at 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.

"This is our first city-wide campaign," says Missionary A. Clark Scanlon. "The churches are small, and the city is big. But pastors are enthusiastic; young people are practicing for the choir; prayer groups are meeting in the homes.

"A big union hall seating 800 people is being contracted. Artists in the churches are fashioning big, glittering letters to read, 'Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus.' The publicity committee is contacting radio stations and newspapers. Fifteen thousand handbills are at the printer's.

Utah-Idaho Plans Are Announced

NASHVILLE—Plans for a mammoth Utah-Idaho Training Union enlargement campaign Sept. 15-20 are complete. The announcement was made recently by Harvey T. Gibson, director of administration of the Sunday School Board's Training Union Department.

This campaign will be conducted by almost all of the state Training Union secretaries and the personnel of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board.

Following a brief session in Salt Lake City, the campaign will get under way. Workers will spread out into the two states and direct campaigns in the churches.

BSSB Sets Meet

NASHVILLE—The 55 elected members of the Sunday School Board will hold its annual Nashville meeting later this month.

Board members will meet by committees to adopt resolutions and make recommendations Monday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday morning, Jan. 29. The full board will hear these recommendations when it convenes the 29th and 30th.

Carving of Christ

Mr. H. E. Holmgren of 1129 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, reports that he has an

head of Christ, carved in high relief on a solid mahogany plank 4 inches thick and 14 inches square, which he feels would make an ideal presentation to hang in church or study. The carving is for sale for \$100. Interested persons should write directly to Mr. Holmgren.

His last revival, his 57th, was with Rev. Oliver Lachner at the North McComb Church.

Varnado, the last member of

his family, served as a member of the Home Mission Board

for three terms. Approximately 25 surrendered to the ministry of preaching or music under his leadership.

His last missionary endeavor was the organization of a

Dr. L. Lowrey Chosen "Mr. Blue Mountain College"

Members of the Senior Class of Blue Mountain College have just closed a "MR. BMC" Contest, in which they entered some of their favorite personalities, close friends, and relatives, by placing photos and personal data sheets by them in the corridor of the Administration Building. All students and members of the staff were invited to vote. Votes have just been counted by Misses Frankie Tester, President of the Senior Class, and Alice McCordle, chairman of the contest committee.

It was found that Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, B.S., M.A., Mississippi College, and M.A. and Ph.D., Columbus University, President of Blue Mountain College from May, 1925, until June, 1960, known to thousands of Blue Mountain College alumnae and former students as their "College Dad," was the winner, and bears the title of "Mr. Blue Mountain College," by which he has already been known in reality for more than thirty-five years. He received a total of 1,635 love-votes of popularity and sincere appreciation for his many years of service as a guide, excellent executive, educator, and personal friend of Blue Mountain students through the years. During his administration 13 new buildings were erected on the campus.

For a number of years, Dr. Lowrey, served as President of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

He holds honorary doctor's degrees from Baylor University, Mississippi College, and Union University.

He is a grandson of the founder of Blue Mountain College, General M. P. Lowrey.

Members of the current Senior Class, Sponsors of the "Mr. BMC" Contest, were members of Dr. Lowrey's last Freshman Class, before his retirement in 1960, since which time he has been known as President Emeritus of his much beloved College. By special request of the 1962-63 seniors and the present President of the College, Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, Dr. Lowrey will deliver the baccalaureate address during the commencement activities of the College, on June 2.

Dr. and Mrs. Lowrey now reside in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Knowledge Makes Load Heavier, Says African

"Now our load is heavier because we know more," said an African woman as she left the leadership school held for Woman's Missionary Union officers from Baptist churches in and near Nairobi, Kenya. All but one of the officers concerned attended the school, despite rain. Some traveled 20 miles by train and some 10 miles by bus.

The woman who could not be present gave this reason: Her husband had forbidden her to go to church and burned her Sunday school and WMU materials, including the WMU roll.

The 20 who attended showed great interest in the program, reports Mrs. Dale G. Hooper, Southern Baptist missionary in Nairobi. They asked such questions as "How can we witness to Muslims?" and "How can women tithe when their husbands are not Christians and will not give them money?"

The program was planned by missionary women: Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, Miss Dorothy Emmons, Mrs. Ralph W. Harrell, and Mrs. Hooper.

The WMU officers were joined for lunch by the Baptist pastors of the area, who were having their weekly meeting. Missionary men helped serve.

"This is our first city-wide campaign," says Missionary A. Clark Scanlon. "The churches are small, and the city is big. But pastors are enthusiastic; young people are practicing for the choir; prayer groups are meeting in the homes.

"A big union hall seating 800 people is being contracted. Artists in the churches are fashioning big, glittering letters to read, 'Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus.' The publicity committee is contacting radio stations and newspapers. Fifteen thousand handbills are at the printer's.

Rev. M. S. Varnado

M. S. Varnado Died at 68

Rev. M. S. Varnado of Pascoagoula, retired pastor, died December 22, 1962. A veteran of World War I, he died in Veteran's Hospital, Biloxi.

Born February 17, 1894 at Ossyka, Mississippi, in Pike County, Rev. Varnado entered the ministry of sacred music in 1925, and that year began the study of sacred music at Southwestern Seminary. In August, 1927, he entered the preaching ministry. While a student at Southwestern he held pastorates in Texas and Oklahoma.

After graduation from Southwestern in 1929, he accepted the pastorate of Bunker Hill Church in Mississippi.

Next he entered Woman's College (now William Carey), where he graduated in 1935. While a student there, he was in charge of the college church (Immanuel) and chapel music.

From Hattiesburg, he moved to State Line, where he lived for five years, pastoring 10 churches at one time.

His other pastorates included eight years at Central Church, Mobile, Alabama, and 12 years at Calvary Church, Pascagoula. Rev. Varnado retired in 1957.

His last revival, his 57th, was with Rev. Oliver Lachner at the North McComb Church.

Varnado, the last member of

his family, served as a member of the Home Mission Board

for three terms. Approximately

25 surrendered to the ministry of preaching or music under his leadership.

His last missionary endeavor was the organization of a

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Schroeder Tackles His Work With Challenge To Win



George W. Schroeder

coast.

When Coke retired in 1951, Schroeder was chosen as his successor.

"I didn't get into denominational work by accident," Schroeder says. "As far back as I can remember, I had a definite feeling that God wanted to use me in his work, not as a preacher but as a layman in some special way."

By Roy Jennings

Baptist Press Staff Writer
"Come on gang. Clobber those guys!"

This positive challenge to win characterizes the way George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission, throws himself into his work.

Whatever the assignment — work or play — Schroeder has the reputation of tackling it as if his life depended upon it.

Schroeder learned the philosophy of giving his best while playing forward for a high school basketball powerhouse.

In the office by 7:30, he spends a half hour in prayer 1930s.

The husky German has never let up.

At 48, as the chief executive officer of the commission, he thinks nothing of grinding out a 14-hour day and topping it off with a speaking engagement.

This hungry desire for service has paid off during the last 12 years in new church Brotherhoods and Royal Ambassador chapters.

Under Schroeder's leadership the number of church Brotherhoods has grown from 5,076 to 14,480 and Royal Ambassador chapters from 8,500 to 14,616. Enrolled are more than 392,000 men and 235,000 boys.

Who is this man Schroeder?

Like most Southern Baptist leaders he grew up in a small town, Pinckneyville, a little hamlet of 3,300 people, on the line of the Illinois Central Railroad between New Orleans and St. Louis.

Schroeder's father was a locomotive engineer. His grandparents had left Germany to settle in southern Illinois.

Hard Worker

With three sisters and a brother in the family, Schroeder learned early in life he would have to work for what he got. A sympathetic service station operator gave him his first job.

At the age of 12, Schroeder was so short he couldn't reach the radiator cap on cars so he filled them by sound from a bucket with a long spout.

After high school and college — bachelor of arts and master's degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale — Schroeder was working for an automobile agency when Southern Baptists called him into denominational service.

Schroeder's first denominational assignment was in 1940 as Brotherhood secretary for Illinois Baptists. Six years later Lawson Cooke, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, tapped Schroeder as an associate. His work henceforth would not be for one state alone; it would be for Baptist men from coast to

church near Lucedale in George County, (Romans 9:1 was his favorite Scripture.)

Rev. Varnado is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Perez Varnado, native of Pascagoula, one stepdaughter, and five grandchildren.

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A Young Mississippi Baptist

Witnesses In Montana

By Doug Bain
Pastor-missionary,
Miles City, Montana

(Editor's Note: Doug Bain graduated from Mississippi College last June, and immediately went to Montana, to spend a year as a missionary there, before entering the seminary to complete his preparation for the ministry. The previous summer he had served as a student summer-missionary in New York state. His home is in Starkville, where his father is a member of the faculty of Mississippi State University. The family is active in First Baptist Church there. This thrilling report tells of some of the difficulties, but also of the challenge of mission work in the state of Montana. Mississippi Baptists are now concentrating some of their mission efforts in that state, and a number of Mississippians have served and are now serving there. This story reveals the great contribution that a dedicated young person can make there. Mr. Bain is partially supported by Mississippi Baptists through the Montana Committee, but much of his support comes from his work on a ranch, which he does to help pay expenses so he can continue to serve there.)

"Does she really?" I said.

"Sure, she buys at least five hundred pounds of peanuts a year from us to feed the squirrels."

"That's quite a hobby! She must be a very thoughtful person."

"Yes, she certainly has a big heart all right. Well, Reverend Bain, surely that woman will have a place in heaven."

This conversation was sincere, real, and typically reveals the popular conception of what it takes to get to heaven: being nice and being sweet and doing good (we can only be good by faith).

The old cowboy had come to town Friday night for the fair. Getting drunk and spending most of his money, he spent the night in town. As he was riding with me out to the ranch next morning, I asked, "Happy, do you know what happens to a man when he dies?" His reply, "Goes back to earth I guess." This was his real, honest, sincere, and uneasy answer. It reveals no vital contact with the Bible, or Christianity in any form whatsoever.

The rancher and I were discussing eternal values while the threshing machine was shut down. After explaining that through faith in Christ alone do we begin to have a right-relationship with God, he said this: "Well, if I treat my neighbor down here like I want him to treat me, don't cheat him, don't fight him, don't steal

his wife, and be ready to loan him anything I have, I'm going to be all right. How you treat your fellow man is the main thing. I think if you treat him right, you'll be right with God." This was another tell-tale manifestation of an almost inborn doctrine of golden rule Christianity.

"My religion," she said, "teaches us to see what is beautiful in life, to see beauty in others, and to shut out evil thoughts; to try to create beauty in others." After I had shared with her what the Scriptures say about how man shall live eternally, pointedly she said this: "I hate to see people trying to change other people's beliefs, especially when they do believe something. It might destroy what is beautiful and great in them and that would be terrible."

As contacts such as these become more numerous, the romance of missions and all its glory fades and for some reason doesn't return. A feeling of responsibility captures the vacancy; a responsibility that makes one sweat and feel as if he had cotton in his mouth and lead in his stomach; a responsibility that cries for us to share our faith. Missions is not a tour and not simply a campaign but a way of life. Christ accepted is salvation, but Christ obeyed is missions. And believe this, that is a person is not a missionary right where he is, he can never "go off" and be one.

Miles City is a town of a little over 10,000 people, with about twenty different religious groups and twenty bars. "Old Miles Town" is known as the Cow Country Capital and ranching is the major source of income. The Western hospitality here is hard to beat and the folks are just real nice to a person. But the need for a real New Testament witness is tremendous. The devil knows the power that can be in a Southern Baptist church and he is out to stamp out this kind of witness. The power of the presence of evil can be seen by the very fact that two Southern Baptist churches have already folded up in recent times, right here.

The Lord has blessed in that we have had a church building to meet in and are even now arranging to buy the building for our own. Of course the purchase is being made on faith, but money still is not the greatest need (even though we have eight members, only four of which are active). What could do much good is a layman; one that has his secular job here and will work in the mission, teaching, visiting, praying with us.

The need is great. The need for what? Practical Christianity demonstrated! Not for the

theoretical Christian sitting upon his objective high horse tossing theological terms to the peasant sinners beneath - NO! The need is for people that can tell in everyday get-the-job-done-terms, why it is important to go to church, what sin is, why man is lost without faith in Christ, what it means to have a saved soul and a saved life. To communicate commitment to Christ is the problem.

A young mother, divorcee, who works in a bar, has been attending our mission. She has been struggling with a decision for six months. The following is taken from a letter of explanation that I received from her: "Every Sunday that I am in church... I long to come up and take your hand and trust in Him. It sounds so easy when you are urging people to accept the Lord. But if I ever take those steps, it will be the longest and most difficult walk I have ever taken... My greatest desire - and my greatest dread - is stepping through those church doors. I have taken up enough of your time. Remember me in your silent prayers."

If we as Christians don't share our faith, how will they know?

Colombia Churches Hold Convention

One hundred and seventy-nine messengers from the 39 Baptist churches in Colombia gathered in Cali November 26-30 for the annual meeting of the Colombian Baptist Convention. Centered around the theme, "Baptist Principles," the sessions emphasized religious liberty and featured sermons by prominent Colombian Baptist pastors and Southern Baptist missionaries.

There were also reports on activities of the churches since the last Convention meeting, held in January. (The Convention changed its annual meeting date from January to November in order to have time for planning the next year's work.)

Baptisms during the 10-month period totaled 425 and brought membership of the churches to 3,818. Sunday school enrollment was 6,155, with attendance averaging 6,263. The 39 churches conduct 46 missions.

The Convention's co-operative program committee announced that almost \$5,000 is needed to complete the budget for the year, and the churches were urged to set higher goals for the home mission offering to be taken at Christmas time. This annual offering is applied to the Convention budget; as is 85 per cent of every co-operative program dollar.

The churches take a foreign mission offering in June, looking toward the day when the first missionaries can be sent abroad. Several young theological seminary graduates testified that God has spoken to them concerning foreign missions. The Convention's foreign mission board has drawn up requirements for accepting missionaries, and further plans are expected to be made during the coming year.

The loan board reported that more than \$25,000 has been loaned to 13 churches for buildings and property. "Messengers flocked down the aisles to receive information on how to make and manage loans," says Mrs. Zach J. Deal, Jr., Southern Baptist Missionary, in reporting on the Convention meeting.

Pastor Victor Martinex, of Cartagena, was named president of the Convention for the seventh year. Missionary John W. Patterson was named president of the unified board, made up of missionaries and nationals.

The Convention will meet in November, 1963, in the city of Cartagena, on the northern coast. Each church can send only a limited number of messengers each year because of the expense of travel. Mrs. Deal says; therefore, the meetings generally rotate between Cali, Cartagena, Barranquilla and Bogota so that Christians in each region can attend sessions every four years.

At the beginning of the full Convention meeting, on November 26, messengers from the 39 Colombian Missionary Societies in the country held their annual session.



BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONGRESS — BUENOS AIRES — Flags of the United States and nine Latin American countries are displayed by delegates to the Baptist Women's Missionary Union congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The meeting was held in the Baptist International Theological Seminary. One of the delegates from the U. S. was Roberta Ryan, editor of a magazine for Spanish-speaking countries published by the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Tex. — RNS Photo.

A MESSAGE FOR

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 3, 1963

Some are wondering if God is sufficient for this space age. Even some Christians seem near panic in the face of attacks by godless men. Many long for a quieter and less complex age.

Fear has reached new heights in this day of atomic power and swift transportation. War is a constant threat to the world. There is tension between the races. Basic freedoms are denied to multitudes of people. Hunger, nakedness, disease, and accidents take their fearful toll among a rapidly growing world population. Scientific discoveries and technological advances have enabled man to probe into space, but the machines he has made threaten to undo him.

The remedy for our fears is faith in God and a new vision of his glory. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:1). Christian faith is not rooted in the circumstances of the day, but in God's eternal redemptive purpose. The gospel is not the product of our own efforts, but is based on the love of God. The grace of Christ is not a reward for our good works, it is the gift of God. The power to overcome evil does not spring from our own ingenuity but from the Holy Spirit.

God has matched us with this hour. Instead of complaining that the age is out of joint let us thank God that he entrusted us with living in this day. Let us reaffirm our faith in the God of glory from whose love nothing can separate us. He expects us to be more than conquerors, not merely survivors (Romans 8:31-39).

How can the glory of God become evident? By Christ dwelling in us. This mystery is not easily grasped, but grasp it we must. If the world is to see evidence of the power of God, it must be revealed in the character of Christians transformed by the indwelling Christ (Colossians 1:27). This is the essence of the fellowship of the church, the body of Christ.

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," Jesus said (John 16:33).

An optimistic God holds the world in his hand.

John Soren, President
Josef Nordenhaug, General Secretary
Robert S. Denny, Associate Secretary

'Average' Pastor Described

But Cannot Be Found

By The Baptist Press

Male, Age: 40. Married; two children. Attended Baptist college one or more years. Any seminary training obtained came from one of six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries. Has been preaching 12 years, a pastor for 11 years. Served five churches in that span, will serve present church three years. Became a Christian at age 15.

Who is it? According to a survey by a Southwestern Seminary graduate, this description fits the average Southern Baptist pastor.

Leonard E. Hill of Nashville, production editor, The Baptist Program, sent 1191 pastors his questionnaire. His doctoral thesis dealt with the methods used by Baptist churches to call their pastors.

Don't be misled by the description in the first paragraph, Hill warns. Any church looking for a pastor with those exact qualifications may be looking for a long time. Most Southern Baptist pastors don't fit the "average." It is only

when their individual characteristics are lumped together that such figures are obtained.

The description doesn't tell you, either, that probably one of five Southern Baptist pastors spend 30 hours per week doing secular work or going to school.

4 Did Graduate Work

Or that one of 10 didn't go beyond the four years of college.

Hill also learned 18 per cent of the pastors had previously served as a church staff member other than pastor—as evangelist, chaplain, teacher, or denominational worker. Three per cent at one time had served a church denomination.

Nearly half the pastors—48 per cent—did not belong to any community organization outside the church. The usual reason: "Don't have time."

Other facts, in capsule, uncovered by the survey:

Pastors with less formal education are more apt to be found in smaller churches and in less densely populated communities. Only 5 per cent of

the pastors have been with their present churches for a decade or longer. Three-fourths of the preachers are between 25 and 40 years of age.

Three per cent of the ministers had been divorced. More than 3 per cent had to avoid certain climates because of their own health or that of some member of their families.

Mrs. W. C. James Dies In Richmond

RICHMOND (BP) — Mrs. Minnie (William Carey) James, one-time president of Woman's Missionary Union, died here Jan. 10.

A native of Texas, she served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary from 1918-1925. As wife of a Baptist minister, she lived in Kentucky, Virginia and Alabama.

Clarke Alumnus Gives Microscope

Dr. Henry Carter, De Ridder, Louisiana, physician and 1946 special honor graduate of Clarke College, Newton, recently gave a three stage "Bausch and Lomb" oil immersion microscope to the Science Department of the college.

"This valuable piece of equipment will add much to our teaching facilities," said A. L. McGaugh of the Science Department. Dr. Carter is the son of Dr. John F. Carter of Newton and of the Clarke Biology Department.

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The Annuity Board administers the retirement plans for the denomination.

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Emeritus

Missionary Dies

Mrs. Susy Taylor Whittinghill, 90, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, died December 23 in Mamaroneck, N. Y., at the home of her daughter. The body was brought to Richmond, Va., for burial in Hollywood Cemetery, following a graveside service conducted by Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Whittinghill was a granddaughter of James B. Taylor, the first corresponding (executive) secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and sister of George Braxton Taylor, founder of the Sunbeam Band.

Born in Staunton, Va., she was taken to Italy when a baby by her parents, the late George Boardman and Susan Braxton Taylor, pioneer Baptist missionaries. She received her early education at the Anglo-Roman School in Rome, then came to the States for nurse's training at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond.

Returning to Rome, she was a social worker and nurse for children until her marriage to Missionary Dexter G. Whittinghill, in 1905. Coming under appointment by the Foreign Mission Board the same year, she did educational and evangelistic work in Rome and nearby country districts until her retirement in 1939.

Mrs. Whittinghill is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Norman Kent, and two sons, George D. Whittinghill, the American consul in Rome, and Robert B. Whittinghill, who serves in the diplomatic section of the American embassy in Rome.

Mrs. Hullum Dies On Christmas Day

Mrs. Birdie Jacob Hullum, wife of Milton Hullum, Route 1, Vicksburg, died on Christmas Day, 1962.

For more than forty years "Miss Birdie," as she was called by her host of friends, was "a ray of sunshine" throughout Warren County. Until her retirement several years ago she taught in Jeff Davis School, Vicksburg. Through the years she also taught Sunday school in the Wayside Baptist Church, and played the piano while her husband led the church singing. In addition to her church and school work she also took part in many worthy community activities.

It was said of Mrs. Hullum: "Her daily life was a manifestation of the abundant Christian life. Never thinking of herself, she lived for others and her constant smile brought joy to the hearts and lives of those around her. Although her place in the community is now vacant, the light of her life will ever shine to brighten the world she left behind."

State Men To Attend Annuity Board Meeting

DALLAS, Texas—The Annuity Board will recognize its 45th anniversary during the annual trustees meeting, January 29-30 in Dallas.

R. Alton Reed, executive secretary of the Board, said Wallace Bassett, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, will highlight the program with an historical review titled "45 Years of Service." Bassett, who is president of the Board, is the only living member who has been on the Board since its beginning.

Rev. D. C. Applegate, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Starkville, physician and 1946 special honor graduate of Clarke College, Newton, recently gave a three stage "Bausch and Lomb" oil immersion microscope to the Science Department of the college.

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State Evangelistic Conference	
GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY February 4-6	
Those desiring to stay at Gulfshore should write now for reservations to Arthur L. Nelson, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, Pass Christian, Miss. Rates are listed below: A registration fee of \$2.00 is required and should accompany requests for reservations.	
Per Person Per Day	
Barracks—air cooled—bunk beds, single . . . \$ 3.50 ea.	
Hotel—Bath on hall—air-conditioned—bunk beds, single (4 persons in room) . . . 4.50 ea.	
Private bath—air conditioned—double beds (2 in room) . . . 6.00 ea.	
(3 persons in room) 5.50 ea.	
(4 persons in room) 5.00 ea.	
Room without meals	
Barracks air cooled . . . 1.00 ea.	
Hotel . . . 2.00 ea.	
Bath on hall—air conditioned . . . 2.00 ea.</td	



PASTOR TRUMAN CARTER, at extreme left, and the Building Committee, are shown in front of the new pastorage at Cason Church, Monroe County.

CASON GROWS IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Cason Church, Monroe County, has undergone tremendous growth under the leadership of Rev. Truman Carter, who became their pastor November 17, 1961.

Rev. Carter, who was working at a secular job prior to accepting the pastorate at Cason, states that there were about 35 members when he accepted the church, and only two rows of people heard him preach his first sermon. This rural church now has 147 members, with seven others awaiting baptism. They have seen professions of faith for nine Sundays in succession. Sixty-four were baptized in the past year and 59 added by letter. They led the association in baptisms.

The church has moved from a one-room structure to a building with a number of Sunday school rooms, a youth building, and a new pastor's home.

The budget has grown from \$2,000 in preceding years to more than \$10,000 last year.

There is an outstanding youth organization; they built a youth building in one day! There are two "preacher boys" in the church.

(The pastor, who has reduced his weight from 215 to 187 lbs., says this was due to hard work!) Rev. Carter is a student at Itawamba Junior College. The church has extended to him an indefinite call.

Carter states as reasons for the tremendous growth of Cason Church:

1. Dedicated people in the missions, through the Cooperative Program, and to association.

2. The pastor and church leaders coming to understand the more perfectly the association-missions program, and their participation in associational activities.

3. The encouragement given him and his church by the superintendent of missions, Rev. Joseph Oliver, and by Rev. Dan Morton, pastor of First Church, Amory, along with other Christian leaders.

4. Rev. J. D. Lundy, superintendent of missions for Lawrence Marion Walthall associations, made a valuable contribution when he led in a Training Union Enlargement campaign.

The pastor and deacons, in consultation with Rev. Oliver, have agreed to contribute on a percentage basis to world

Building Dedicated

Jordan-Irby Baptist Church

dedicated its new building December 2, with Dr. Elmer S. West, Jr., personnel secretary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, as main speaker. The building, made possible through Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds, was filled for the occasion.

After attending a stewardship conference in October, the Baptist pastors in Ajloun, Anjar, and Taiybeh led their churches to use the Forward Program of Church Finance.

Tennessee Church Gets Pritchell Hall Columns

NASHVILLE — The Central Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., has secured four of the white columns from the front of old Pritchell Hall at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Ansell T. Baker, pastor of the church, explained that the columns will be used on the entrance portico of Central's new church auditorium. "They will be shortened some but it will not take away from their beauty," he said. "They arrived here in Chattanooga in perfect condition and we feel very fortunate in having been able to secure them.

The new Pritchell Hall at Ridgecrest will be ready for service June 1, 1964. The assembly is operated by the Sunday School Board for the Southern Baptist Convention.

DEVOTIONAL

A Booster Or A Critic

By Dr. J. Ralph Noonester, President

William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Enthusiasm and criticism are usually found side by side. In almost every group there are not only the boosters who believe in what is good and generous, but also the wet-blankets, the cold water pourers who have a cold, mean kind of common sense. These inevitable critics seldom, if ever, do a generous deed themselves, and they are quick to criticize the good that others have done and do their best to spoil it.

The Royal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was a great occasion. Jesus was riding into Jerusalem where he was to be condemned to death. The people didn't understand all that was happening, but some had an inkling that something great was taking place and their enthusiasm broke out in "Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

The critics and wet-blankets were there also. Their hearts began to freeze as with a frown they turned to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, rebuke your critics."

Which are you in your church—a cold, canny critic—or a booster, a genuine enthusiast? Every pastor and church leader finds his share of critics and wet-blankets. The supply of boosters and enthusiasts is most often very meager.

Beware of letting your enthusiasm be quenched. This often happens with the passing of years. The gaiety and spontaneity of youth passes away. Enthusiasm gets dulled and stiffened. For many, the chief cause is the obsession with material things.

Cultivate your enthusiasm. Don't be a critic but an enthusiast in the promotion of the stewardship program of your church. Cultivate your enthusiasm for the missionary enterprise of the church. See the missionary enterprise in all its bigness. Don't let your type of Christianity become conventional, unimaginative, the kind which begins at home and stays at home.

Don't let your enthusiasm, as important as it is, become headlong. Christian enthusiasm should not take leave of common sense. Uncontrolled enthusiasm is like a ship without a rudder or a horse without a bridle. Discrimination and discretion should always possess the Christian.

Are you a mean critic or an intelligent booster of your church?

ROBERTS ASKS STUDENTS TO TAKE PIONEER CALLS

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Students at Southern Seminary

have been urged to consider accepting calls to pioneer missions fields in the United States.

Ray E. Roberts of Columbus, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, described the four-state area served by that convention as having more people without Christ than in the entire "traditional Southern Baptist Convention territory."

The convention, in addition to Ohio, has affiliated churches in parts of Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia near the Ohio border. Roberts reported 25 million persons in that area not affiliated with any church. It is considered a pioneer mission area for Southern Baptists.

More than 5000 cities and villages have no Baptist churches. He went on.

Cities Lack of Preachers

Roberts is an alumnus of Southern Seminary, who moved into Ohio from Kentucky 10 years ago to establish Southern Baptist Churches. He was missionary day speaker for the seminary.



PROUD MOMENT—Ralph Irby, deacon of Rolling Creek Church, Clarke County, presents the Bible to his son, Terry, who was ordained a minister of the gospel in impressive ceremonies held at Rolling Creek. Rev. David Millican of Stonewall put the questions to the candidate, Rev. N. F. Greer of Quitman, preached the ordination sermon, and Rev. Taylor Wallace of Enterprise made the charge to the church. There was a delegation of visitors present from Souenlovie Church which has recently called Rev. Terry Irby as pastor.

Church Agencies Get Surplus Foods

WASHINGTON (BP) — A

wide variety of church agencies will continue to be aided by the federal government through the distribution of surplus agricultural products.

New regulations governing the distribution of such foods have been adopted by the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture. John P. Duncan, Jr. is the assistant secretary for marketing and stabilization.

Church agencies such as schools, hospitals, orphans homes, homes for the aged, summer camps and assemblies, welfare agencies, refugee camps, child care centers and disaster organizations are included in the non-profit eligible groups.

This is not a new program, but it is a new set of rules and regulations for a number of programs authorized by United States in her water-Congress. Ten separate acts of proof and buoyant crate. For Congress dating back to 1949 the journey, the temperature were cited by Duncan as the within the crate was kept at authority for distribution to 70 degrees; and the humidity, at 55 per cent.

Names In the News

Mrs. John Nations has joined the church staff at First Church, Yazoo City, as a part-time employee with chief responsibility in the realm of financial records. Rev. James Yates is the pastor.

Miss Fanny Starnes, missionary to Thailand, has moved from Haadyai to Bangkok, where she is working in the office of the Thailand Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). Her address is P. O. Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand. She is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Lewis Gray, fourth child of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers Jr., missionaries to Vietnam, was born December 15. Mr. and Mrs. Myers may be addressed at Box 107, Saigon, Vietnam. He is a native of Chalybeate, Miss.; she is the former Toni Alexander, of Boyle, Miss.

Rev. Joe A. Mayer has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Lambert, to become Superintendent of Missions in Wright, Douglas-Ozark Association of Missouri. His address on January 14 became 840 Dorsey Avenue, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

The Thursday, Dec. 20, chapel period was devoted to Foreign Mission emphasis. Miss Martha Bell, furloughing missionary from Indonesia, spoke on the challenge of Baptist missions in her field. Patricia Jenkins, student, gave a brief message on the need for giving and Martha McCaskill presented a vocal solo, "Yielded". The offering was dedicated in a special dedicatory prayer by Mrs. Paul Rowden, Jr.

Sisters Set

11-Year Records

Frances and Faye Taylor, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Taylor of Route 3, Meridian, have attended Sunday school without missing a Sunday for eleven years. January 6, their pastor, Rev. Herschel Thorne, of New Hope Church, Meridian, presented the girls with their 11-year perfect attendance pins.

FLOYD COOPER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cooper of Sledge, Mississippi, in December received his license to the gospel ministry from the Hollywood Church, Quitman County. A senior in high school, Floyd plans to attend Northwest Junior College in Senatobia next September. Rev. Dick Brogan, Hollywood pastor, made the presentation.



A HIGH GOAL SET; A HIGH GOAL REACHED — AND THEN SOME! In the triumphant song of Miss Dixie Duke, second year Clarke College student, and she points to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering poster. Miss Duke, President of the YWA on the Clarke campus, led the student body and faculty to adopt a goal of \$1500 for the Foreign Mission offering for 1962. When the total offering went to \$1530 her spirits soared and she left for the holidays with a song in her heart. For several years in succession the Clarke College family has gone above its goal for the Lottie Moon offering. — Photo by Joe Collier

The Christmas postage stamp proved so popular that the printing order increased to 850 million stamps, 350 million more than originally planned.

It expressed his loyalty to his country.

He was a charter member of the Moss Point Rotary Club and was a thirty-second degree Mason. Just recently he received his fifty-year service pin.

Mr. Burnham is survived by Mrs. Louise W. Burnham; his stepson, Charles B. Armitstead; two granddaughters; one great granddaughter, and numerous nephews and nieces.

Rev. Van H. Hardin is pastor at First Church, Moss Point.

Free Helps For Chains Are Strong Not Available

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — Teachers of "The Chains Are Strong," 1963 adult Home Mission study book by W. C. Fields, will not be able to obtain free literature from the National Committee for Children and Youth in Washington, D. C., the committee.

The committee would like to help and regret their inability to furnish free material as suggested in the study book's Teacher's Guide. Supplementary books are available from the committee at the cost of \$1.50 to \$2.00, or for \$6.00 per set, however.

1 Million Adults Set As T. U. Goal

NASHVILLE—Southern Baptist churches will co-operate in the enlistment of one million adults in a systematic study of fundamentals of our faith during the first quarter of 1964 in Training Union.

This will mean a net gain of about 100,000 adults in one year, 10 times the total gain of all ages in the past year, said Dr. Robert S. Cook of the Sunday School Board. Dr. Cook is director of adult work in the board's Training Union Department.

The enlargement campaign proposes to give a new concept of adult work in training union and to introduce a new organizational pattern to many adults. It also will give doctrinal training to prospective workers who may be enlisted in enlarged Sunday School and Training Union organizations in the fall of 1964.

State Churches Register Libraries

NASHVILLE — Forty-eight Southern Baptist church libraries initially registered with the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board during November.

The Mississippi additions are: Lake Come Church, Bay Springs, Glen T. Williams, pastor; and Mrs. Ella Williams, librarian; State Boulevard Church, Meridian, W. A. Robinson, pastor, and Mrs. H. L. Lovett, librarian; and Antioch Church, Union, Emerson Tedder, Jr., pastor, and John Pierce, librarian.

Funeral services were held at Turkey Creek Baptist Church in Mississippi. Rev. W. C. Howard of Water Valley and Rev. Charles Haley of Alton, Texas officiated.

Born in Alabama, Rev. Hollingsworth lived near Water Valley, Miss. most of his life. A Baptist minister for many years, he had been pastor in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. He was a member of First Church, Water Valley, a Mason and a member of American Legion. He was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Edith Trusty Hollingsworth; one son, Harold Hollingsworth, Kaufman, Texas; one stepson, O. C. Adams, Chicago, Illinois; one sister, Mrs. W. T. Watson, Water Valley.

Balcony Tests Staged To Insure Its Safety

JEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. — (BP) — Construction tests with extra heavy weight loadings are being carried out to insure the safety of a balcony in the church here.

A portion of the balcony fell during a Christmas program being conducted by Carson Newman College (Baptist), which used the church auditorium for its chapel services. About 100 students were in the falling section but only 25 received minor injuries.

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